conservation of forests; steps to encourage efficient utilization of coal; reduction of gas flaring and installation of waste heat recovery systems in the oil sector; standardization of fuel-efficient irrigation pump-sets, rectification of existing pump-sets to make them more energy efficient, rationalization of power tariffs and better cultivator practices in the agriculture sector etc. address the greenhouse gas emissions in the country. In so far as adaptation to climate change is concerned, various initiatives had been taken in some of the most vulnerable states namely Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh for better understanding of these impacts.

Forest land from Periyar Tiger Reserve for development of Sabarimala

335. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Competent Authority has issued final clearance for providing forest land from Periyar Tiger Reserve for development of Sabarimala;

(b) if so, the details of land provided and conditions, if any;

(c) whether land is provided as per any master plan prepared by any private/Government agency;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal in the master plan to mobilize fund from the market for Sabarimala Temple Project; and

(e) if so, the details of the agency that prepared the master plan and the estimated amount, if any, to be mobilized from market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In compliance of the order dated 25.08.2005 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the proposal of the State Government of Kerala for diversion of 12.675 hectares of forest land in Periyar Tiger Reserve in Pathanmthitta district in favour of Travancore Devaswom Board for development of Sabarimala Temple was considered under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and final approval was granted by the Central Government on 24.10.2005 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The conditions mentioned in the approval are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir. The forest land under Periyar Tiger reserve has been diverted according to the proposal received from the Government of Kerala as per the outline of the master plan for Sabarimala prepared by M/s. Eco-Smart (India) Limited. The detailed master Plan is under preparation.

(d) As per the outline of the Master Plan for Sabarimala, there is no proposal to mobilize fund from the market.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Regarding "forest land from Periyar Tiger reserve for development of Sabrimala" Due for reply on 25/11/05.

Conditions mentioned under final approval granted by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 12.675 hectares of forest land in Periyar Tiger Reserve in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala in favour of Travancore Devasworm Board for development of Sabarimala Temple *vide* letter No. 8-70/2005-FC dated 24.10.2005

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory Afforesation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
3. (i) All the activities in the diverted area shall be undertaken strictly according to the propsed Master Plan prepared by the State Government.

   (ii) The forest shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the Master Plan for the diverted area.
4. Felling of trees shall be done only when it is unavoidable, and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
5. No damage to the *flora and fauna of* the area shall be caused.
6. It shall be ensured that during construction, labour-camps etc. are not set up on the forest land outside the diverted area.
7. Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore, may like to impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.
8. The approval is subject to the final order to be passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in I.A. No. 1373 in WP(C) No. 202 of 1995.